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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in applying for a grant under the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Program. This letter highlights a few items in the fiscal year (FY) 2006 application package that will be important to you in applying for grants under this program and additional information applicants may be required to provide. You should review the entire application package carefully before preparing and submitting your application. Information on the HSI Program, is accessible at the U.S Department of Education (Department) Web site at:

http://www.ed.gov/programs/idueshsi/index.html

In order to receive a grant under the Title V program, an institution of higher education must have applied for and been designated as an eligible institution. The Notice Inviting Applications for the Designation as an Eligible Institution was published in the <u>Federal Register</u> on December 16, 2005. In addition, at the time of application (fall 2005), an institution must have at least 25 percent enrollment of undergraduate full-time equivalent (FTE) Hispanic students and not less than 50 percent of <u>all</u> the institution's Hispanic students must be low-income individuals. Low-income individual means an individual from a family whose <u>taxable</u> income for the preceding year did not exceed 150 percent of an amount equal to the poverty level determined by using criteria of poverty established by the Bureau of the Census. Instructions for making the required determinations, including a copy of the low-income chart, are included in the FY 2006 HSI application package on page 27.

The Department requires applicants to use an Internet-based electronic system for submitting applications. For the FY 2006 grant competition, applicants are required to use Grants.gov. You are urged to acquaint yourself with the requirements of Grants.gov early. Grants.gov is accessible through its portal page at:

http://www.grants.gov

For the 2006 Title V grant competition, applicants should note the following funding restrictions: an eligible HSI that submits more than one application may only be awarded one Individual Development Grant or one Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant in a fiscal year. Furthermore, we will not award a second Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant to an otherwise eligible HSI for the same award year as the institution's existing Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant Award.

Applicants are required to submit a Program Abstract as well as the "Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program Profile." Information provided in the Program Abstract is limited to one double-spaced page and must be uploaded into the "ED Abstract Form" in the Grants.gov application package. Applicants are also required to copy and paste the HSI Program Profile into a separate document or recreate the form exactly as it appears, and attach the form to the "Other Attachment Form" as either a .doc, .rtf or .pdf document.

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Applicants are asked to carefully read question #3 on the HSI Program Profile, and check the box or place an X in the space before the box certifying that they will comply with the statutory requirements and program assurances cited in the HSI program regulations, 34 CFR 606.2.

Included in this application package is a document containing submission procedures to ensure your application is received in a timely and acceptable manner. Consult and follow the <u>Federal Register</u> notice to ensure proper guidance for application submission. Exceptions to the electronic submission requirement are also outlined in the <u>Federal Register</u> notice. The Department is required to enforce the established deadline in order to ensure fairness to all applicants. Please note that Grants.gov does not allow applicants to "un-submit" applications. If you discover that changes or additions are needed once your application has been accepted and validated by the Department, you must "re-submit" the entire application. Should the Department receive duplicate applications, we will accept and process the application with the latest "date/time received" validation.

Applicants must provide, on the "HSI Program Profile," the documentation the institution relied upon in determining that at least 25 percent of the institution's undergraduate FTE students are Hispanic, and at least 50 percent of the enrolled Hispanic students are low-income individuals.

You are reminded that the document published in the <u>Federal Register</u> is the official document, and that you should not rely upon any information that is inconsistent with the guidance contained within the official document.

Sincerely,

/signed/ Linda Emery Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Higher Education Programs

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ FIRST

U.S. Department of Education Grants.gov Submission Procedures and Tips for Applicants

Please note that the Grants.gov site works differently than the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) e-Application system. To facilitate your use of Grants.gov, this document includes important submission procedures you need to be aware of to ensure your application is received in a timely manner and accepted by the Department.

- 1) **REGISTER EARLY** Grants.gov registration is a one-time process that may take five or more days to complete. You may begin working on your application while completing the registration process, but you cannot submit an application until all of the Get Started steps are complete. For detailed information on the Get Started Steps, please go to: http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted.
- 2) SUBMIT EARLY We strongly recommend that you do not wait until the last day to submit your application. Grants.gov will put a date/time stamp on your application and then process it after it is fully uploaded. The time it takes to upload an application will vary depending on a number of factors including the size of the application and the speed of your Internet connection, and the time it takes Grants.gov to process the application will vary as well. If Grants.gov rejects your application (see step three below), you will need to resubmit successfully before 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date.

Note: To submit successfully, you must provide the DUNS number on your application that was used when your organization registered with the CCR (Central Contractor Registry).

3) **VERIFY SUBMISSION IS OK** – You will want to verify that Grants.gov and the Department receive your Grants.gov submission timely and that it was validated successfully. To see the date/time your application was received, login to Grants.gov and click on the Check Application Status link. For a successful submission, the date/time received should be earlier than 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date, AND the application status should be: Validated, Received by Agency, or Agency Tracking Number Assigned.

If the date/time received is later than 4:30 p.m. Washington, D.C. time, on the closing date, your application is late. If your application has a status of "Received" it is still awaiting validation by Grants.gov. Once validation is complete, the status will either change to "Validated" or "Rejected with Errors." If the status is "Rejected with Errors," your application has not been received successfully. Some of the reasons Grants.gov may reject an application can be found on the Grants.gov site: http://www.grants.gov/assets/ApplicationErrorTips.doc. If you discover your application is late or has been rejected, please see the instructions below. Note: You will receive a series of confirmations both online and via e-mail about the status of your application. Please do not rely solely on e-mail to confirm whether your application has been received timely and validated successfully.

Submission Problems - What should you do?

If you have problems submitting to Grants.gov before the closing date, please contact Grants.gov Customer Support at 1-800-518-4726 or use the customer support available on the Web site: http://www.grants.gov/CustomerSupport.

If electronic submission is <u>optional</u> and you have problems that you are unable to resolve before the deadline date and time for electronic applications, please follow the transmittal instructions for hard copy applications in the Federal Register notice and get a hard copy application postmarked by midnight on the deadline date.

If electronic submission is <u>required</u>, you must submit an electronic application before 4:30 p.m., unless you follow the procedures in the Federal Register notice and qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement <u>and</u> submit, no later than two weeks before the application deadline date, a written statement to the Department that you qualify for one of these exceptions. (See the Federal Register notice for detailed instructions.)

Helpful Hints When Working with Grants.gov

Please note, once you download an application from Grants.gov, you will be working offline and saving data on your computer. Please be sure to note where you are saving the Grants.gov file on your computer. You will need to logon to Grants.gov to upload and submit the application. (This is different from e-Application, where you are working online and saving data to the Department's database.) You must provide on your application the DUNS number that was used when your organization registered with the CCR.

Please go to http://www.grants.gov/ForApplicants for help with Grants.gov and click on the links in the lower right corner of the screen under Applicant Tips and Tools. For additional tips related to submitting grant applications, please refer to the Grants.gov Submit Application Tips found on the Grants.gov homepage http://www.grants.gov.

Dial-Up Internet Connections

When using a dial up connection to upload and submit your application, it can take significantly longer than when you are connected to the Internet with a high-speed connection, e.g. cable modem/DSL/T1. While times will vary depending upon the size of your application, it can take a few minutes to a few hours to complete your grant submission using a dial up connection. If you do not have access to a high-speed connection and electronic submission is required, you may want to consider following the instructions in the Federal Register notice to obtain an exception to the electronic submission requirement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. (See the Federal Register notice for detailed instructions.)

MAC Users

If you do not have a Windows operating System, you will need to use a Windows Emulation program to submit an application using Grants.gov. For additional information, review the PureEdge Support for Macintosh white paper published by Pure Edge:

http://www.grants.gov/GrantsGov_UST_Grantee/!SSL!/WebHelp/MacSupportforPureEdge.pdf, and/or contact Grants.gov Customer Support (http://www.grants.gov/CustomerSupport) for more information. If you do not have a Windows emulation program and electronic submission is required, please follow instructions in the Federal Register notice to obtain an exception to the electronic submission requirement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. (See the Federal Register notice for detailed instructions.)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRANSMITTING APPLICATIONS

ATTENTION ELECTRONIC APPLICANTS: Please note that you must follow the Application Procedures as described in the Federal Register notice announcing the grant competition.

This program requires the electronic submission of applications, specific requirements and instructions can be found in the Federal Register notice.

If you want to apply for a grant and be considered for funding, you must meet the following deadline requirements:

Applications Submitted Electronically

You must submit your grant application through the Internet using the software provided on the Grants.gov Web site (http://www.grants.gov) by 4:30 p.m. (Washington, D.C. time) on the application deadline date. If you submit your application through the Internet via the Grants.gov Web site, you will receive an automatic acknowledgment when we receive your application.

For more information on using Grants.gov, please refer to the Notice Inviting Applications that was published in the Federal Register, the Grants.gov Submission Procedures and Tips document found in the application package instructions, and visit http://www.grants.gov.

According to the instructions found in the Federal Register notice those requesting and qualifying for an Exception to the electronic submission requirement may submit an application via mail, commercial carrier or by hand delivery.

Applications Sent by Mail

You must mail the original and two copies of the application on or before the deadline date to. To help expedite our review of your application, we would appreciate your voluntarily including an additional two, copies of your application.

Please mail copies to:

U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center Attention: CFDA# (84.031S) 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20202 - 4260

You must show one of the following as proof of mailing:

- (1) A legibly dated U. S. Postal Service Postmark.
- (2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U. S. Postal Service.
- (3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.
- (4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.

If you mail an application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

- (1) A private metered postmark.
- (2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Services.

An applicant should note that the U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an applicant should check with its local post office.

Applications Delivered by Commercial Carrier:

Special Note: Due to recent disruptions to normal mail delivery, the Department encourages you to consider using an alternative delivery method (for example, a commercial carrier, such as Federal Express or United Parcel Service; or U. S. Postal Service Express Mail) to transmit your application for this competition to the Department. If you use an alternative delivery method, please obtain the appropriate proof of mailing under "Applications Sent by Mail," then follow the mailing instructions under the appropriate delivery method.

Applications that are delivered by commercial carrier, such as Federal Express, United Parcel Service, etc. should be mailed to the:

U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center – Stop 4260 Attention: CFDA# (84.031S) 7100 Old Landover Road Landover, MD 20785-1506

Applications Delivered by Hand:

You or your courier must hand deliver the original and number of copies requested of the application by 4:30 p.m. (Washington, D.C. time) on or before the deadline date. To help expedite our review of your application, we would appreciate your voluntarily including an additional two, copies of your application.

Please hand deliver copies to:

U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center Attention: CFDA# (84.031S) 550 12th Street, S.W. PCP - Room 7041 Washington, DC 20202 – 4260

The Application Control Center accepts application deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Washington, D.C. time), except Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Overview Information

Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Program

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2006.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.031S

Dates:

Applications Available: January 24, 2006.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 10, 2006.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 09, 2006.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education (IHEs) that qualify as eligible HSIs are eligible to apply for new Individual Development Grants and Cooperative Arrangement Development Grants under the HSI Program. To be an eligible HSI, an IHE must--

- (1) Be accredited or preaccredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association that the Secretary has determined to be a reliable authority as to the quality of education or training offered;
- (2) Be legally authorized by the State in which it is located to be a junior college or to provide an educational program for which it awards a bachelor's degree;
- (3) Be designated as an "eligible institution" by demonstrating that it: A) has an enrollment of needy students as described in 34 CFR 606.3; and B) has low average educational and general expenditures per full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate student as described in 34 CFR 606.4;
- (4) At the time of application, have an enrollment of undergraduate FTE students that is at least 25 percent Hispanic students; and
- (5) Provide assurances that not less than 50 percent of its Hispanic students are low-income individuals.

For purposes of making the determinations described in paragraphs (4) and (5) above, IHEs shall use student enrollments for the fall 2005 academic year.

The Notice Inviting Applications for Designation as Eligible

Institutions for FY 2006 was published in the <u>Federal Register</u> on December

16, 2005 (70 FR 74781). The HSI eligibility requirements are in 34 CFR 606.2

through 606.5 and can be accessed from the following Web site:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_01/34cfr606_01.html.

Relationship between HSI and Title III, Part A Programs

Note 1: A grantee under the HSI Program, which is authorized by Title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may not receive a grant under any HEA, Title III, Part A Program. The Title III, Part A Programs include: the Strengthening Institutions Program, the American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program; and the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Programs. Further, a current HSI Program grantee may not give up its HSI grant in order to receive a grant under any Title III, Part A Program.

Note 2: An eligible HSI that does not fall within the limitation described in Note 1, i.e., is not a current grantee under the HSI Program, may apply for a FY 2006 grant under all Title III, Part A Programs for which it is eligible, as well as under the HSI Program. However, a successful applicant may receive only one grant.

Note 3: An eligible HSI that previously received a five-year Individual Development Grant under the HSI Program must wait for two years after the date the five-year grant ended, including any time extensions the grant may have received, to apply for another Individual Development Grant under the HSI Program.

Note 4: An eligible HSI that submits more than one application may only be awarded one Individual Development Grant or one Cooperative Arrangement

Development Grant in a fiscal year. Furthermore, we will not award a second Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant to an otherwise eligible HSI for the same award year as the institution's existing Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant award.

Estimated Available Funds: \$20,433,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: Individual Development Grant: \$300,000 - \$575,000. Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant: \$400,000 - \$700,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: Individual Development Grant: \$500,000.

Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant: \$600,000.

<u>Maximum Awards</u>: Individual Development Grant: \$575,000 per year;

Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant: \$700,000 per year.

We will not fund any application at an amount exceeding the maximum amounts specified above for a single budget period of 12 months. We may choose not to further consider or review applications with budgets that exceed the maximum amounts specified above, if we conclude, during our initial review of the application, that the proposed goals and objectives cannot be obtained with the specified maximum amount.

Estimated Number of Awards: Individual Development Awards: 22. Cooperative Arrangement Development Awards: 14.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Applicants should periodically check the HSI Program Web site for further information. The address is: http://www.ed.gov/programs/idueshsi/index.html

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

<u>Purpose of Program</u>: The HSI Program provides grants to assist HSIs to expand educational opportunities for, and improve the academic attainment of, Hispanic students. The HSI Program grants also enable HSIs to expand and

enhance their academic offerings, program quality, and institutional stability.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1101-1101d, 1103-1103g.

<u>Applicable Regulations</u>: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 606.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grant. Five-year Individual Development Grants and Five-year Cooperative Arrangement Development Grants will be awarded in FY 2006. Planning grants will not be awarded in FY 2006.

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- (2) Be legally authorized by the State in which it is located to be a junior college or to provide an educational program for which it awards a bachelor's degree;
- (3) Be designated as an "eligible institution" by demonstrating that it: A) has an enrollment of needy students as described in 34 CFR 606.3; and B) has low average educational and general expenditures per FTE undergraduate student as described in 34 CFR 606.4;
- (4) At the time of application, have an enrollment of undergraduate FTE students that is at least 25 percent Hispanic students; and
- (5) Provide assurances that not less than 50 percent of its Hispanic students are low-income individuals.

For purposes of making the determinations described in paragraphs (4) and (5) above, IHEs shall use student enrollments for the fall 2005 academic year.

The Notice Inviting Applications for Designation as Eligible

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through 606.5 and can be accessed from the following Web site:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_01/34cfr606_01.html.

Relationship between HSI and Title III, Part A Programs

- Note 1: A grantee under the HSI Program, which is authorized by Title V of the HEA, may not receive a grant under any HEA, Title III, Part A Program.

 The Title III, Part A Programs include: the Strengthening Institutions

 Program; the American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities

 Program; and the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions

 Programs. Further, a current HSI Program grantee may not give up its HSI grant in order to receive a grant under any Title III, Part A Program.

 Note 2: An eligible HSI that does not fall within the limitation described in Note 1, i.e., is not a current grantee under the HSI Program, may apply for a FY 2006 grant under all Title III, Part A Programs for which it is eligible, as well as under the HSI Program. However, a successful applicant may receive only one grant.
- Note 3: An eligible HSI that previously received a five-year Individual Development Grant under the HSI Program must wait for two years after the date the five-year grant ended, including any time extensions the grant may have received, to apply for another Individual Development Grant under the HSI Program.
- Note 4: An eligible HSI that submits more than one application may only be awarded one Individual Development Grant or one Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant in a fiscal year. Furthermore, we will not award a second Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant to an otherwise eligible HSI for the same award year as the institution's existing Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant award.
- 2. <u>Cost Sharing or Matching</u>: There are no cost sharing or matching requirements, unless the grantee uses a portion of its grant for establishing or improving an endowment fund. If a grantee uses a portion of its grant for endowment fund purposes, it must match those grant funds with non-Federal funds. (20 U.S.C. 1101c).
- IV. Application and Submission Information

Address to Request Application Package: J. Alexander Hamilton,
 U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., 6th Floor, Washington, DC
 20006-8513. Telephone: (202) 502-7583 or by e-mail:
 Josephine.Hamilton@ed.gov

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting the program contact person listed in this section.

- 2. Content and Form of Application Submission:
- a. Applicants must provide, as an attachment to the application, the documentation the institution relied upon in determining that, for the fall 2005 academic year, at least 25 percent of the institution's undergraduate FTE students are Hispanic, and at least 50 percent of the enrolled Hispanic students are low-income individuals.

Note: The 25 percent requirement applies only to undergraduate Hispanic students and is calculated based upon FTE students. The 50 percent low-income requirement includes the institution's total enrollment of Hispanic students and is calculated based upon head count. Instructions for formatting and submitting the verification documentation to Grants.gov are in the application package.

b. Additional requirements concerning the content of an application, together with the forms you must submit, are in the application package for this program.

Page Limits: The program narrative (Part III of the application) is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. We have established mandatory page limits for both the Individual Development Grant and the Cooperative Arrangement

Development Grant applications. You must limit the section of the narrative that addresses the selection criteria to no more than 50 pages for the Individual Development Grant application and 70 pages for the Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant application, using the following standards:

- \bullet A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only, with 1 inch margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, <u>except</u> titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, captions and all text in charts, tables, and graphs.
- Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial. Applications submitted in any other font (including Times Roman and Arial Narrow) will not be accepted.
 - Use font size 12.

The page limit does not apply to Part I, the application for federal assistance face sheet (SF 424); the supplemental information form required by the Department of Education; Part II, the budget information summary form (ED Form 524); and Part IV, the assurances and certifications. The page limit also does not apply to a table of contents or the program abstract. If you include any attachments or appendices other than those specifically requested, these items will be counted as part of the program narrative (Part III) for purposes of the page limit requirement. You must include your complete response to the selection criteria in the program narrative.

We will reject your application if-

- You apply these standards and exceed the page limit;
- You apply other standards and exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

3. Submission Dates and Times:

Applications Available: January 24, 2006.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 10, 2006.

Applications for grants under this program competition must be submitted electronically using the Grants.gov Apply site (Grants.gov). For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application electronically or by mail or hand delivery if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, please refer to section IV. 6. Other Submission Requirements in this notice.

We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 09, 2006.

- 4. <u>Intergovernmental Review</u>: This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. Information about Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs under Executive Order 12372 is in the application package for this program.
- 5. <u>Funding Restrictions</u>: We reference the regulations outlining funding restrictions in the <u>Applicable Regulations</u> section of this notice.
 - Applicability of Executive Order 13202.

Applicants that apply for construction funds under the HSI Program must comply with Executive Order 13202, signed by President Bush on February 17, 2001 and amended on April 6, 2001. This Executive order provides that recipients of Federal construction funds may not "require or prohibit bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors to enter into or adhere to agreements with one or more labor organizations, on the same or other construction project(s)" or "otherwise discriminate against bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors for becoming or refusing to become or remain signatories or otherwise adhere to agreements with one or more labor organizations, on the same or other construction project(s)." However, the Executive order does not prohibit contractors or subcontractors from

voluntarily entering into these agreements. Projects funded under this program that include construction activity will be provided a copy of this Executive order and grantees will be asked to certify that they will adhere to it.

6. Other Submission Requirements: Applications for grants under this program competition must be submitted electronically unless you qualify for an exception to this requirement in accordance with the instructions in this section.

a. Electronic Submission of Applications.

Applications for grants under the HSI Program (CFDA Number 84.031S) must be submitted electronically using the Grants.gov Apply site at: http://www.grants.gov. Through this site, you will be able to download a copy of the application package, complete it offline, and then upload and submit your application. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to us.

We will reject your application if you submit it in paper format unless, as described elsewhere in this section, you qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement and submit, no later than two weeks before the application deadline date, a written statement to the Department that you qualify for one of these exceptions. Further information regarding calculation of the date that is two weeks before the application deadline date is provided later in this section under Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement.

You may access the electronic grant application for the HSI Program at: http://www.grants.gov. You must search for the downloadable application package for this program by the CFDA number. Do not include the CFDA number's alpha suffix in your search.

Please note the following:

- When you enter the Grants.gov site, you will find information about submitting an application electronically through the site, as well as the hours of operation.
- Applications received by Grants.gov are time and date stamped. Your application must be fully uploaded and submitted, and must be date/time stamped by the Grants.gov system no later than 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. Except as otherwise noted in this section, we will not consider your application if it is date/time stamped by the Grants.gov system later than 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. When we retrieve your application from Grants.gov, we will notify you if we are rejecting your application because it was date/time stamped by the Grants.gov system after 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date.
- The amount of time it can take to upload an application will vary depending on a variety of factors including the size of the application and the speed of your Internet connection. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the submission process through Grants.gov.
- You should review and follow the Education Submission Procedures for submitting an application through Grants.gov that are included in the application package for this program competition to ensure that you submit your application in a timely manner to the Grants.gov system. You can also find the Education Submission Procedures pertaining to Grants.gov at http://e-Grants.ed.gov/help/GrantsgovSubmissionProcedures.pdf
- To submit your application via Grants.gov, you must complete all of the steps in the Grants.gov registration process (see http://www.Grants.gov/GetStarted). These steps include (1) registering your organization, (2) registering yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR), and (3) getting authorized as an AOR by your

organization. Details on these steps are outlined in the Grants.gov 3-Step Registration Guide (see

http://www.grants.gov/assets/GrantsgovCoBrandBrochure8X11.pdf). You also must provide on your application the same D-U-N-S Number used with this registration. Please note that the registration process may take five or more business days to complete, and you must have completed all registration steps to allow you to successfully submit an application via Grants.gov.

- You will not receive additional point value because you submit your application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, as described elsewhere in this section, and submit your application in paper format.
- You must submit all documents electronically, including all information typically included on the Application for Federal Education Assistance (SF 424), Budget Information--Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications. You must attach any narrative sections of your application as files in a .DOC (document), .RTF (rich text), or .PDF (Portable Document) format. If you upload a file type other than the three file types specified above or submit a password protected file, we will not review that material.
- Your electronic application must comply with any page limit requirements described in this notice.
- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgment from Grants.gov that contains a Grants.gov tracking number. The Department will retrieve your application from Grants.gov and send you a second confirmation by e-mail that will include a PR/Award number (an ED-specified identifying number unique to your application).
- We may request that you provide us original signatures on forms at a later date.

Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of Technical Issues with the Grants.gov System: If you are prevented from electronically submitting your application on the application deadline date because of technical problems with the Grants.gov system, we will grant you an extension until 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, the following business day to enable you to transmit your application electronically, or by hand delivery. You also may mail your application by following the mailing instructions as described elsewhere in this notice. If you submit an application after 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the deadline date, please contact the person listed elsewhere in this notice under For Further Information Contact, and provide an explanation of the technical problem you experienced with Grants.gov, along with the Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number (if available). We will accept your application if we can confirm that a technical problem occurred with the Grants.gov system and that that problem affected your ability to submit your application by 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. The Department will contact you after a determination is made on whether your application will be accepted.

Note: Extensions referred to in this section apply only to the unavailability of or technical problems with the Grants.gov system. We will not grant you an extension if you failed to fully register to submit your application to Grants.gov before the deadline date and time or if the technical problem you experienced is unrelated to the Grants.gov system.

Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement: You qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, and may submit your application in paper format, if you are unable to submit an application through the Grants.gov system because—

- You do not have access to the Internet; or
- You do not have the capacity to upload large documents to the Grants.gov system;

and

• No later than two weeks before the application deadline date (14 calendar days or, if the fourteenth calendar day before the application deadline date falls on a Federal holiday, the next business day following the Federal holiday), you mail or fax a written statement to the Department, explaining which of the two grounds for an exception prevent you from using the Internet to submit your application. If you mail your written statement to the Department, it must be postmarked no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. If you fax your written statement to the Department, we must receive the faxed statement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. Address and mail or fax your statement to: J. Alexander Hamilton, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6052, Washington, DC 20006-8513 FAX: (202) 502-7861.

Your paper application must be submitted in accordance with the mail or hand delivery instructions described in this notice.

b. Submission of Paper Applications by Mail.

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you may mail (through the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier) your application to the Department. You must mail the original and two copies of your application, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the applicable following address:

By mail through the U.S. Postal Service:

U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center Attention: (CFDA Number 84.031S) 400 Maryland Avenue, SW. Washington, DC 20202-4260

or

By mail through a commercial carrier:

U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center - Stop 4260 Attention: (CFDA Number 84.031S) 7100 Old Landover Road Landover, MD 20785-1506

Regardless of which address you use, you must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

- (1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark,
- (2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service,
- (3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier, or
- (4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

- (1) A private metered postmark, or
- (2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

If your application is postmarked after the application deadline date, we will not consider your application.

Note: The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark.

Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

c. Submission of Paper Applications by Hand Delivery.

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you (or a courier service) may deliver your paper application to the Department by hand. You must deliver the original and two copies of your application by hand, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address:

U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center Attention: (CFDA Number 84.031S) 550 12th Street, SW. Room 7041, Potomac Center Plaza Washington, DC 20202-4260 The Application Control Center accepts hand deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, except Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays.

Note for Mail or Hand Delivery of Paper Applications: If you mail or hand deliver your application to the Department:

- (1) You must indicate on the envelope and if not provided by the Department in Item 4 of the Application for Federal Education Assistance (SF 424) the CFDA number and suffix letter, if any of the competition under which you are submitting your application.
- (2) The Application Control Center will mail a grant application receipt acknowledgment to you. If you do not receive the grant application receipt acknowledgment within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 245-6288.

V. Application Review Information

- 1. <u>Selection Criteria</u>: The selection criteria for this program are in 34 CFR 606.22(a)-(g). Applicants must address each of the following selection criteria (separately for each proposed activity). The total weight of the selection criteria is 100 points; the weight of each criterion is noted in parentheses.
- (a) Quality of The Applicant's Comprehensive Development Plan (Total 25 Points).
 - (b) Quality of Activity Objectives (Total 15 Points).
 - (c) Quality of Implementation Strategy (Total 20 Points).
 - (d) Quality of Key Personnel (Total 7 Points).
 - (e) Quality of Project Management Plan (Total 10 Points).
 - (f) Quality of Evaluation Plan (Total 15 Points).
 - (g) Budget (Total 8 Points).

2. Review and Selection Process: Tiebreaker for Development Grants. In tie-breaking situations for development grants described in 34 CFR 606.23(b), the HSI Program regulations require that we award one additional point to an application from an IHE that has an endowment fund for which the market value per FTE student is less than the comparable average per FTE student at a similar type of IHE. We also award one additional point to an application from an IHE that had expenditures for library materials per FTE student that are less than the comparable average per FTE student at a similar type IHE.

For the purpose of these funding considerations, we use 2003-2004 data.

If a tie remains after applying the tiebreaker mechanism above, priority will be given in the case of applicants for: a) Individual Development Grants to applicants that addressed the statutory priority found in section 511(d) of the HEA; and b) Cooperative Arrangement Development Grants to applicants in accordance with section 514(b) of the HEA, if the Secretary determines that the cooperative arrangement is geographically and economically sound or will benefit the applicant HSI.

If a tie still remains after applying the additional point(s), and the relevant statutory priority, we will determine the ranking of applicants based on the lowest endowment values per FTE student.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices: If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN). We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements: We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package

and reference these and other requirements in the <u>Applicable Regulations</u> section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the <u>Applicable Regulations</u> section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

- 3. Reporting: At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as specified by the Secretary in 34 CFR 75.118, 34 CFR 75.720, and in 34 CFR 606.31.
- 4. <u>Performance Measures</u>: The Secretary has established the following key performance measures for assessing the effectiveness of the HSI Program:

 1) The percentage of full-time undergraduate students who were in their first year of postsecondary enrollment in the previous year and are enrolled in the current year at the same institution; 2) The percentage of students enrolled at 4-year HSIs graduating within 6 years of enrollment; and 3) The percentage of students enrolled at 2-year HSIs graduating within 3 years of enrollment.

 VII. Agency Contacts

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If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an

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diskette) on request to the program contact person listed in this section.

VIII. Other Information

Electronic Access to This Document: You may view this document, as well as

all other documents of this Department published in the Federal Register, in

text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Internet at the following

site: www.ed.gov/news/fedregister

To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free

at this site. If you have questions about using PDF, call the U.S.

Government Printing Office (GPO), toll free, at 1-888-293-6498; or in the

Washington, DC, area at (202) 512-1530.

Note: The official version of this document is the document published

in the Federal Register. Free Internet access to the official edition of the

Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations is available on GPO

Access at: http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara/index.html.

Dated: January 19, 2006

/signed/

Sally L. Stroup,

Assistant Secretary

for Postsecondary Education.

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Hispanic-Serving Institutions Assurances

Additional instructions for applicants:

Applicants enter HSI assurance data on the "HSI Program Profile Page" in Part III of the application. Applicants will attach the "HSI Program Profile Page" to the "Other Narrative Attachment Form" of the Grants.gov application package.

The statute governing the Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program, (Title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA)) requires the applicant to provide an assurance to the following:

The applicant has, at the time of application (Fall 2005), an enrollment of undergraduate full-time equivalent (FTE) students that is at least 25 percent Hispanic students; and, provide assurances that not less than 50 percent of its Hispanic students are low-income individuals. Low-income is defined in Section 502(a)(7) of the HEA (see definition below).

For the purposes of the calculation, use your institution's enrollment for the Fall 2005 academic term.

Whatever the full-time course load is at your institution, count a full-time undergraduate student as one FTE.

To determine the FTE for part-time undergraduate students, total the number of credit hours of all part-time undergraduate students. Divide the total number of credit hours for the part-time undergraduate students by **twelve (12)**. The result is the FTE for part-time undergraduate students.

To calculate the total undergraduate FTE, add the FTE of full-time undergraduate students and the FTE of part-time undergraduate students.

To calculate the Hispanic Undergraduate FTE Enrollment Count: Add the FTE of full-time undergraduate Hispanic students and the FTE of part-time undergraduate Hispanic students.

To calculate the Undergraduate FTE Hispanic Percent: Divide the Hispanic Undergraduate FTE Enrollment Count by the Total Undergraduate FTE Enrollment Count and multiply by 100.

To calculate the Hispanic Enrollment Count: Note: This calculation includes all Hispanic students regardless of enrollment status or graduate/undergraduate status. Determine the total number of Hispanic students.

To calculate the Hispanic Low-Income Student Count: Use the table below to calculate your Hispanic low-income student count. "Low-income individual" is defined as an individual from a family whose taxable income does not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level as established by the United States Bureau of the Census. The figures shown as low-income levels represent amounts equal to 150 percent of the 2005 US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines that are based on US Bureau of Census poverty data.

2005 HHS Poverty Guidelines

Persons in Family Unit	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$ 9,570	\$11,950	\$11,010
2	12,830	16,030	14,760
3	16,090	20,110	18,510
4	19,350	24,190	22,260
5	22,610	28,270	26,010
6	25,870	32,350	29,760
7	29,130	36,430	33,510
8	32,390	40,510	37,260
For each additional person, add	3,260	4,080	3,750

SOURCE:

Federal Register, Vol. 70, No. 33, February 18, 2005, pp. 8373-8375.

To calculate the Low-Income Hispanic Percent: Divide the Hispanic Low-Income Student Count by the Hispanic Enrollment Count and multiply by 100.

An institution must demonstrate that its undergraduate FTE Hispanic percent is at least 25 percent **and** its low-income Hispanic percent is at least 50 percent to be eligible to apply for a grant under the HSI Program.

Executive Order 12372 -- Intergovernmental Review

APPENDIX

This appendix applies to each program that is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

The objective of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and to strengthen federalism by relying on State and local processes for State and local government coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

Applicants must contact the appropriate State Single Point of Contact to find out about, and to comply with, the State's process under Executive Order 12372. Applicants proposing to perform activities in more than one State should immediately contact the Single Point of Contact for each of those States and follow the procedure established in each of those States under the Executive order. A listing containing the Single Point of Contact for each State is included in this appendix.

In States that have not established a process or chosen a program for review, State, area wide, regional, and local entities may submit comments directly to the Department.

Any State Process Recommendation and other comments submitted by a State Single Point of Contact and any comments from State, area wide, regional, and local entities must be mailed or hand-delivered by the date indicated in the actual application notice to the following address: The Secretary, EO 12372--CFDA# [commenter must insert number--including suffix letter, if any], U.S. Department of Education, room 7W301, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202.

Proof of mailing will be determined on the same basis as applications (see 34 CFR 75.102). Recommendations or comments may be hand-delivered until 4:30 p.m. (Washington, DC time) on the date indicated in the actual application notice.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ABOVE ADDRESS IS NOT THE SAME ADDRESS AS
THE ONE TO WHICH THE APPLICANT SUBMITS ITS COMPLETED APPLICATION. DO
NOT SEND APPLICATIONS TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

STATE SINGLE POINTS OF CONTACT (SPOCs)

It is estimated that in 2004 the Federal Government will outlay \$400 billion in grants to State and local governments. Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," was issued with the desire to foster the intergovernmental partnership and strengthen federalism by relying on State and local processes for the coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development. The Order allows each State to designate an entity to perform this function. Below is the official list of those entities. For those States that have a home page for their designated entity, a direct link has been provided on the official version:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html

States that are not listed on this page have chosen not to participate in the intergovernmental review process, and therefore do not have a SPOC. If you are located within one of these States, you may still send application materials directly to a Federal awarding agency.

Contact information for Federal agencies that award grants can be found in The Catalog Contents Page. You can access Appendix IV by Agency [http://12.46.245.173/CFDA/appx4_web.pdf] or State [http://12.46.245.173/CFDA/appx4_web_state.pdf].

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General Education Provisions Act (GEPA)

ALL APPLICANTS <u>MUST</u> INCLUDE INFORMATION IN THEIR APPLICATIONS TO ADDRESS THIS PROVISION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THIS PROGRAM.

Note: Applicants must access and complete ED GEPA 427 Form found in the Application Package found on Grants.gov.

Section 427 requires each applicant for funds (other than an individual person) to include in its application a description of the steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and participation in, its federally assisted program for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs.

This section allows applicant discretion in developing the required description. The statute highlights six types of barriers that can impede equitable access or participation that you may address: gender, race, national origin, color, disability, or age. Based on local circumstances, you can determine whether these or other barriers may prevent your students, teachers, etc. from equitable access or participation. For the purposes of this application, it is reasonable to limit the GEPA narrative to one page.

Section 427 is not intended to duplicate the requirements of civil rights statutes, but rather to ensure that, in designing their projects, applicants for Federal funds address equity concerns that may affect the ability of certain potential beneficiaries to fully participate in the project and to achieve to high standards. Consistent with program requirements and its approved application, an applicant may use the Federal funds awarded to it to eliminate barriers it identifies.

The following examples may help illustrate how an applicant may comply with section 427: (1) An applicant that proposes to carry out an adult literacy project serving, among others, adults with limited English proficiency, might describe in its application how it intends to distribute a brochure about the proposed project to such potential participants in their native language.

(2) An applicant that proposes to develop instructional materials for classroom use might describe how it will make the materials available on audio-tape or in Braille for students who are blind.

We recognize that many applicants may already be implementing effective steps to ensure equity of access and participation in their grant programs, and we appreciate your cooperation in responding to the requirements of this provision.

GEPA Estimated Burden Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1890-0007 (Exp. 11/30/2007). The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to vary from 1 to 3 hours per response, with an average of 1.5 hours, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the Information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: Director, Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, Washington, DC 20202-4250.

Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)

What is GPRA?

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) is a straightforward statute that requires all federal agencies to manage their activities with attention to the consequences of those activities. Each agency is to clearly state what it intends to accomplish, identify the resources required, and periodically report their progress to the Congress. In so doing, it is expected that the GPRA will contribute to improvements in accountability for the expenditures of public funds, improve Congressional decision-making through more objective information on the effectiveness of federal programs, and promote a new government focus on results, service delivery, and customer satisfaction.

How has the Department of Education Responded to the GPRA Requirements?

As required by GPRA, the Department of Education has prepared a strategic plan for 2002-2007. This plan reflects the Department's priorities and integrates them with its mission and program authorities and describes how the Department will work to improve education for all children and adults in the U.S. The Department's goals, as listed in the plan, are:

Goal 1:	Create a Culture of Achievement.
Goal 2:	Improve Student Achievement
Goal 3:	Develop Safe Schools and Strong Character
Goal 4:	Transform Education into an Evidence-based Field
Goal 5:	Enhance the Quality of and Access to Postsecondary & Adult Education
Goal 6:	Establish Management Excellence

The performance indicators for the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program are part of the Department's plan for meeting Goal 5: Ensure access to postsecondary education and lifelong learning. One of the Department's objectives for Goal 5 is "to strengthen Hispanic-Serving Institutions."

What is the Performance Indicator for the HSI Program?

The Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program's overarching goal is: To improve the capacity of minority-serving institutions, which traditionally have limited resources and serve large numbers of low-income and minority students, to improve student success and to provide high-quality educational opportunities for their students.

The specific performance indicators for the HSI Program are as follows:

The effectiveness of the HSI Program is assess by 1) The percentage of full-time undergraduate students who were in their first year of postsecondary enrollment in the previous year and are enrolled in the current year at the same institution; 2) The percentage of students enrolled at 4-year HSIs graduating within 6 years of enrollment; and 3) The percentage of students enrolled at 2-year HSIs graduating within 3 years of enrollment.

Instructions for Completing the Application and Forms

The forms found in the Application Package, downloaded from Grants.gov, shall be used by all applicants submitting an HSI application. This application consists of the following four parts:

Part I: Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424) and Department of

Education Supplement Information for SF 424

<u>Part II:</u> Department of Education Budget Information – Non-Construction

Programs (ED 524)

Part III: Program Narrative

• ED Abstract Form

• Project Narrative Attachment Form

Other Attachments Form

NOTE: In Grants.gov, applicants will find a list of "Mandatory Documents" which includes all of the required forms, assurances, the "ED Abstract Form," the "Project Narrative Attachment Form," the "Budget Narrative Attachment Form," and the "Other Attachments Form."

The "ED Abstract Form" (found in the Grants.gov application package) is where applicants will attach their one-page abstract.

The "<u>Project Narrative Attachment Form</u>" (found in the Grants.gov application package) is where applicants will attach their narrative responses to the selection criteria that will be used to evaluate applications submitted for this competition. Please include a Table of Contents as the first page of the program narrative. You must limit the section of the narrative that addresses the selection criteria to no more than 50 pages for the Individual Development Grant application and 70 pages for the Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant application.

The Program Narrative submission pages should be consecutively numbered.

The "Other Attachments Form" (found in the Grants.gov application package) is where applicants will attach the HSI Program Profile, found on page 48 of the instructions.

Part IV: Assurances and Certifications – Applicants must complete the

following assurances and certifications included in the application

package:

Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF 424B) Grants.gov Lobbying Form (formerly ED Form 80.0013)

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)

ED Certification on Debarment (ED Form 80.0014)

ED GEPA 427 Form

Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants

Instructions for Standard Forms:

- APPLICATION FACE SHEET (SF 424)
- DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL FORM
- DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET SUMMARY FORM (ED 524)
- DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES (SF-LLL)

Other Information and Guidance:

- SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS
- PROGRAM NARRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SF-424

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 60 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0043), Washington, DC 20503.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

This is a standard form (including the continuation sheet) required for use as a cover sheet for submission of preapplications and applications and related information under discretionary programs. Some of the items are required and some are optional at the discretion of the applicant or the Federal agency (agency). Required items are identified with an asterisk on the form and are specified in the instructions below. In addition to the instructions provided below, applicants must consult agency instructions to determine specific requirements.

Item	Entry:	Item	Entry:	
1.	Type of Submission: (Required): Select one type of submission in accordance with agency instructions. Preapplication Application		Name Of Federal Agency: (Required) Enter the name of the Federal agency from which assistance is being requested with this application.	
	Changed/Corrected Application – If requested by the agency, check if this submission is to change or correct a previously submitted application. Unless requested by the agency, applicants may not use this to submit changes after the closing date.	11.	Catalog Of Federal Domestic Assistance Number/Title: Enter the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number and title of the program under which assistance is requested, as found in the program announcement, if applicable.	
2.	Type of Application: (Required) Select one type of application in accordance with agency instructions. New – An application that is being submitted to an agency for the first time.		Funding Opportunity Number/Title: (Required) Enter the Funding Opportunity Number and title of the opportunity under which assistance is requested, as found in the program announcement.	
	 Continuation - An extension for an additional funding/budget period for a project with a projected completion date. This can include renewals. Revision - Any change in the Federal Government's financial obligation or contingent liability from an existing obligation. If a revision, enter the appropriate letter(s). More than one may be selected. If "Other" is selected, please specify in text box provided. A. Increase Award B. Decrease Award C. Increase Duration D. Decrease Duration E. Other (specify) 	13.	Competition Identification Number/Title: Enter the Competition Identification Number and title of the competition under which assistance is requested, if applicable.	
		14.	Areas Affected By Project: List the areas or entities using the categories (e.g., cities, counties, states, etc.) specified in agency instructions. Use the continuation sheet to enter additional areas, if needed.	
3.	Date Received: Leave this field blank. This date will be assigned by the Federal agency.	15.	Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: (Required) Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If appropriate, attach a map showing project location (e.g., construction or real property projects). For preapplications, attach a summary description of the project.	
4.	Applicant Identifier : Enter the entity identifier assigned by the Federal agency, if any, or applicant's control number, if applicable.			
5a	Federal Entity Identifier : Enter the number assigned to your organization by the Federal Agency, if any.	16.	Congressional Districts Of: (Required) 16a. Enter the applicant's Congressional District, and 16b. Enter all District(s)	
5b.	Federal Award Identifier: For new applications leave blank. For a continuation or revision to an existing award, enter the previously assigned Federal award identifier number. If a changed/corrected application, enter the Federal Identifier in accordance with agency		affected by the program or project. Enter in the format: 2 characters State Abbreviation – 3 characters District Number e.g., CA-005 for California 5th th district, CA-012 for California 12 th district, NC-103 for North Carolina's 103 rd district.	
6.	instructions. Date Received by State: Leave this field blank. This date will be assigned by the State, if applicable.		If all congressional districts in a state are affected, enter "all" for the district number, e.g., MD-all for all congressional districts in Maryland.	
7.	State Application Identifier: Leave this field blank. This identifier will be assigned by the State, if applicable.		 If nationwide, i.e. all districts within all states are affected, enter US-all. If the program/project is outside the US, enter 00-000. 	
8.	Applicant Information : Enter the following in accordance with agency instructions:			
	a. Legal Name: (Required): Enter the legal name of applicant that will undertake the assistance activity. This is the name that the organization has registered with the Central Contractor Registry. Information on registering with CCR may be obtained by visiting the Grants.gov website. b. Employer/Taxpayer Number (EIN/TIN): (Required): Enter the	17.	Proposed Project Start and End Dates: (Required) Enter the proposed start date and end date of the project.	
	Employer or Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN or TIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service. If your organization is not in the US, enter 44-4444444. c. Organizational DUNS: (Required) Enter the organization's DUNS or DUNS+4 number received from Dun and Bradstreet. Information on obtaining a DUNS number may be obtained by visiting the Grants.gov website.	18.	Estimated Funding: (Required) Enter the amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in-kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines, as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate only the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses.	
l	d. Address: Enter the complete address as follows: Street address (Line			

	1 required), City (Required), County, State (Required, if country is US), Province, Country (Required), Zip/Postal Code (Required, if country is US). e. Organizational Unit: Enter the name of the primary organizational unit (and department or division, if applicable) that will undertake the assistance activity, if applicable. f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application: Enter the name (First and last name required), organizational affiliation (if affiliated with an organization other than the applicant organization), telephone number (Required), fax number, and email address (Required) of the person to contact on matters related to this application.		19.	Is Application Subject to Review by State Under Executive Order 12372 Process? Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process. Select the appropriate box. If "a." is selected, enter the date the application was submitted to the State Is the Applicant Delinquent on any Federal Debt? (Required) Select the appropriate box. This question applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include
				delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes.
9.	Type of Applicant: (Required) Select up to three applicant type(s) in accordance with agency instructions.		21.	If yes, include an explanation on the continuation sheet. Authorized Representative: (Required) To be signed and dated by the authorized representative of the applicant organization. Enter the name (First and last name required)
	A. State Government B. County Government C. City or Township Government D. Special District Government E. Regional Organization F. U.S. Territory or Possession G. Independent School District H. Public/State Controlled	 M. Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education) N. Nonprofit without 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education) O. Private Institution of Higher Education 		title (Required), telephone number (Required), fax number, and email address (Required) of the person authorized to sign for the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as the official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. (Certain Federal agencies may require that this authorization be submitted as part of the application.)
	I. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized)	P. Individual Q. For-Profit Organization (Other than Small Business) R. Small Business		
	J. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized) K. Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization	 S. Hispanic-serving Institution T. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) U. Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs) V. Alaska Native and Native 		
	L. Public/Indian Housing Authority	Hawaiian Serving Institutions W. Non-domestic (non-US) Entity X. Other (specify)		

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR SF 424

- **a. Project Director**. Name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application.
- **2. Novice Applicant.** Check "Yes" or "No" only if assistance is being requested under a program that gives special consideration to novice applicants. Otherwise, leave blank.

Check "Yes" if you meet the requirements for novice applicants specified in the regulations in 34 CFR 75.225 and included on the attached page entitled "Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424." By checking "Yes" the applicant certifies that it meets these novice applicant requirements. Check "No" if you do not meet the requirements for novice applicants.

3. Human Subjects Research. (See I. A. "Definitions" in attached page entitled "Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information For SF 424.")

If Not Human Subjects Research. Check "No" if research activities involving human subjects are not planned at any time during the proposed project period. The remaining parts of Item 3 are then not applicable.

If Human Subjects Research. Check "Yes" if research activities involving human subjects are planned at any time during the proposed project period, either at the applicant organization or at any other performance site or collaborating institution. Check "Yes" even if the research is exempt from the regulations for the protection of human subjects. (See I. B. "Exemptions" in attached page entitled "Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information For SF 424.")

- **3a.** If Human Subjects Research is Exempt from the Human Subjects Regulations. Check "Yes" if all the research activities proposed are designated to be exempt from the regulations. Insert the exemption number(s) corresponding to one or more of the six exemption categories listed in I. B. "Exemptions." In addition, follow the instructions in II. A. "Exempt Research Narrative" in the attached page entitled "Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information For SF 424."
- 3a. If Human Subjects Research is Not Exempt from Human Subjects Regulations. Check "No" if some or all of the planned

research activities are covered (not exempt). In addition, follow the instructions in II. B. "Nonexempt Research Narrative" in the page entitled "Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information For SF 424

3a. Human Subjects Assurance Number. If the applicant has an approved Federal Wide (FWA) on file with the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that covers the specific activity, insert the number in the space provided. If the applicant does not have an approved assurance on file with OHRP, enter "None." In this case, the applicant, by signature on the SF-424, is declaring that it will comply with 34 CFR 97 and proceed to obtain the human subjects assurance upon request by the designated ED official. If the application is recommended/selected for funding, the designated ED official will request that the applicant obtain the assurance within 30 days after the specific formal request.

Note about Institutional Review Board Approval. ED does not require certification of Institutional Review Board approval with the application. However, if an application that involves non-exempt human subjects research is recommended/selected for funding, the designated ED official will request that the applicant obtain and send the certification to ED within 30 days after the formal request.

Paperwork Burden Statement. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1890-0017. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average between 15 and 45 minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202-4700. If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form write directly to: Joyce I. Mays, Application Control Center, U.S. Department of Education, Potomac Center Plaza, 550 12th Street, S.W. Room 7076, Washington, DC 20202-4260.

DEFINITIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR SF 424

(Attachment to Instructions for Supplemental Information for SF 424)

Definitions:

Novice Applicant (See 34 CFR 75.225). For discretionary grant programs under which the Secretary gives special consideration to novice applications, a novice applicant means any applicant for a grant from ED that—

- Has never received a grant or sub-grant under the program from which it seeks funding;
- Has never been a member of a group application, submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127-75.129, that received a grant under the program from which it seeks funding; and
- Has not had an active discretionary grant from the Federal government in the five years before the deadline date for applications under the program. For the purposes of this requirement, a grant is active until the end of the grant's project or funding period, including any extensions of those periods that extend the grantee's authority to obligate funds.

In the case of a group application submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127-75.129, a group includes only parties that meet the requirements listed above.

PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS IN RESEARCH

I. Definitions and Exemptions

A. Definitions.

A research activity involves human subjects if the activity is research, as defined in the Department's regulations, and the research activity will involve use of human subjects, as defined in the regulations.

—Research

The ED Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97, define research as "a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge." *If an activity follows a deliberate plan whose purpose is to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge it is research*. Activities which meet this definition constitute research whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program that is considered research for other purposes. For example, some demonstration and service programs may include research activities.

—Human Subject

The regulations define human subject as "a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains (1) data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) identifiable private information." (1) If an activity involves obtaining information about a living person by manipulating that person or that person's environment, as might occur when a new instructional technique is tested, or by communicating or interacting with the individual, as occurs with surveys and interviews, the definition of human subject is met. (2) If an activity involves obtaining private information about a living person in such a way that the information can be linked to that individual (the identity of the subject is or may be readily determined by the investigator or associated with the information), the definition of human subject is met. [Private information includes information about behavior that occurs in a context in which an individual can reasonably expect that no observation or recording is taking place, and information which has been provided for specific purposes by an individual and which the individual can reasonably expect will not be made public (for example, a school health record).]

B. Exemptions.

Research activities in which the <u>only</u> involvement of human subjects will be in one or more of the following six categories of *exemptions* are not covered by the regulations:

- (1) Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal educational practices, such as (a) research on regular and special education instructional strategies, or (b) research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods.
- (2) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior, unless: (a) information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects; and (b) any disclosure of the human subjects' responses outside the research could reasonably place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects' financial standing, employability, or reputation. *If the subjects are children, exemption 2 applies only to*

research involving educational tests and observations of public behavior when the investigator(s) do not participate in the activities being observed. Exemption 2 does not apply if children are surveyed or interviewed or if the research involves observation of public behavior and the investigator(s) participate in the activities being observed. [Children are defined as persons who have not attained the legal age for consent to treatments or

procedures involved in the research, under the applicable law or jurisdiction in which the research will be conducted.]

- (3) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior that is not exempt under section (2) above, if the human subjects are elected or appointed public officials or candidates for public office; or federal statute(s) require(s) without exception that the confidentiality of the personally identifiable information will be maintained throughout the research and thereafter.
- (4) Research involving the collection or study of existing data, documents, records, pathological specimens, or diagnostic specimens, if these sources are publicly available or if the information is recorded by the investigator in a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects.
- (5) Research and demonstration projects which are conducted by or subject to the approval of department or agency heads, and which are designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine: (a) public benefit or service programs; (b) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs; (c) possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures; or (d) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs.
- (6) Taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance studies, (a) if wholesome foods without additives are consumed or (b) if a food is consumed that contains a food ingredient at or below the level and for a use found to be safe, or agricultural chemical or environmental contaminant at or below the level found to be safe, by the Food and Drug Administration or approved by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

II . Instructions for Exempt and Nonexempt Human Subjects Research Narratives

If the applicant marked "Yes" for Item 3 of Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424, the applicant must provide a human subjects "exempt research" or "nonexempt research" narrative. Insert the narrative(s) in the space provided. If you have multiple projects and need to provide more than one narrative, be sure to label each set of responses as to the project they address.

A. Exempt Research Narrative.

If you marked "Yes" for item 3 a. and designated exemption numbers(s), provide the "exempt research" narrative. The narrative must contain sufficient information about the involvement of human subjects in the proposed research to allow a determination by ED that the designated exemption(s) are appropriate. The narrative must be succinct.

B. Nonexempt Research Narrative.

If you marked "No" for item 3 a. you must provide the "nonexempt research" narrative. The narrative must address the following seven points. Although no specific page limitation applies to this section of the application, be succinct.

(1) **Human Subjects Involvement and Characteristics**: Provide a detailed description of the proposed involvement of human subjects. Describe the characteristics of the subject population,

including their anticipated number, age range, and health status. Identify the criteria for inclusion or exclusion of any subpopulation. Explain the rationale for the involvement of special classes of subjects, such as children, children with disabilities, adults with disabilities, persons with mental disabilities, pregnant women, prisoners, institutionalized individuals, or others who are likely to be vulnerable

- (2) **Sources of Materials**: Identify the sources of research material obtained from individually identifiable living human subjects in the form of specimens, records, or data. Indicate whether the material or data will be obtained specifically for research purposes or whether use will be made of existing specimens, records, or data.
- (3) **Recruitment and Informed Consent**: Describe plans for the recruitment of subjects and the consent procedures to be followed. Include the circumstances under which consent will be sought and obtained, who will seek it, the nature of the information to be provided to prospective subjects, and the method of documenting consent. State if the Institutional Review Board (IRB) has authorized a modification or waiver of the elements of consent or the requirement for documentation of consent.
- (4) **Potential Risks**: Describe potential risks (physical, psychological, social, legal, or other) and assess their likelihood and seriousness. Where appropriate, describe alternative treatments and procedures that might be advantageous to the subjects.
- (5) **Protection Against Risk**: Describe the procedures for protecting against or minimizing potential risks, including risks to confidentiality, and assess their likely effectiveness. Where appropriate, discuss provisions for ensuring necessary medical or professional intervention in the event of adverse effects to the subjects. Also, where appropriate, describe the provisions for monitoring the data collected to ensure the safety of the subjects.
- (6) Importance of the Knowledge to be Gained: Discuss the importance of the knowledge gained or to be gained as a result of the proposed research. Discuss why the risks to subjects are reasonable in relation to the anticipated benefits to subjects and in relation to the importance of the knowledge that may reasonably be expected to result.
- (7) Collaborating Site(s): If research involving human subjects will take place at collaborating site(s) or other performance site(s), name the sites and briefly describe their involvement or role in the research.

Copies of the Department of Education's Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, 34 CFR Part 97 and other pertinent materials on the protection of human subjects in research are available from the Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202-4250, telephone: (202) 245-6120, and on the U.S. Department of Education's Protection of Human Subjects in Research Web Site: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/OCFO/humansub.html

NOTE: The **State Applicant Identifier** on the SF 424 is for State Use only. Please complete it on the OMB Standard 424 in the upper right corner of the form (if applicable).

General Instructions

This form is used to apply to individual U.S. Department of Education (ED) discretionary grant programs. Unless directed otherwise, provide the same budget information for each year of the multi-year funding request. Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached. Please consult with your Business Office prior to submitting this form.

<u>Section A - Budget Summary</u> U.S. Department of Education Funds

All applicants must complete Section A and provide a breakdown by the applicable budget categories shown in lines 1-11.

Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e): For each project year for which funding is requested, show the total amount requested for each applicable budget category.

Lines 1-11, column (f): Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If funding is requested for only one project year, leave this column blank.

Line 12, columns (a)-(e): Show the total budget request for each project year for which funding is requested.

Line 12, column (f): Show the total amount requested for all project years. If funding is requested for only one year, leave this space blank.

Indirect Cost Information:

If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, this information is to be completed by your Business Office. (1): Indicate whether or not your organization has an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement that was approved by the federal government. (2): If you checked "yes" in (1), indicate in (2) the beginning and ending dates covered by the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement. In addition, indicate whether ED or another federal agency (Other) issued the approved agreement. If you check "Other," specify the name of the federal agency that issued the approved agreement. (3): If you are applying for a grant under a Restricted Rate Program (34 CFR 75.563 or 76.563), indicate whether you are using a restricted indirect cost rate that is included on your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement or whether you are using a restricted indirect cost rate that complies with 34 CFR

76.564(c)(2). Note: State or local government agencies may not use the provision for a restricted indirect cost rate specified in 34 CFR 76.564(c)(2). Check only one response. Leave blank, if this item is not applicable.

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Section B - Budget Summary Non-Federal Funds

If you are required to provide or volunteer to provide matching funds or other non-federal resources to the project, these should be shown for each applicable budget category on lines 1-11 of Section B.

Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e): For each project year, for which matching funds or other contributions are provided, show the total contribution for each applicable budget category.

Lines 1-11, column (f): Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If non-federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this column blank.

Line 12, columns (a)-(e): Show the total matching or other contribution for each project year.

Line 12, column (f): Show the total amount to be contributed for all years of the multi-year project. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave

Section C - Budget Narrative [Attach separate sheet(s)] Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached.

- Provide an itemized budget breakdown, and justification by project year, for each budget category listed in Sections A and B. For grant projects that will be divided into two or more separately budgeted major activities or sub-projects, show for each budget category of a project year the breakdown of the specific expenses attributable to each subproject or activity.
- 2 . If applicable to this program, provide the rate and base on which fringe benefits are calculated.
- 3 . If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, this information is to be completed by your Business Office. Specify the estimated amount of the base to which the indirect cost rate is applied and the total indirect expense. Depending on the grant program to which you are applying and/or your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, some direct cost budget categories in your grant application budget may not be included in the base and multiplied by your indirect cost rate. For example, you must multiply the indirect cost rates of "Training grants" (34 CFR 75.562) and grants under programs with "Supplement not Supplant" requirements ("Restricted Rate" programs) by

a "modified total direct cost" (MTDC) base (34 CFR 75.563 or 76.563). Please indicate which costs are included and which costs are excluded from the base to which the indirect cost rate is applied.

When calculating indirect costs (line 10) for "Training grants" or grants under "Restricted Rate" programs, you must refer to the information and examples on ED's website at:

http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.ht ml.

You may also contact (202) 377-3838 for additional information regarding calculating indirect cost rates or general indirect cost rate information.

4. Provide other explanations or comments you deem necessary.

Paperwork Burden Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1890-**0004**. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to vary from 13 to 22 hours per response, with an average of 17.5 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202-4651. If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, write directly to (insert program office), U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20202.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether sub-awardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to Title 31 U.S.C. Section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

- 1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
- 2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
- 3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
- 4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or sub-award recipient. Identify the tier of the sub-awardee, e.g., the first sub-awardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Sub-awards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
- 5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
- 6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
- 7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
- 8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
- 9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
- 10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.
 - (b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
- 11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

HSI Program Profile: All applicants must complete the information requested on this page. Using the profile the applicant will provide information on Assurances and Eligibility. **Do not modify. amend or delete any of this document.**

Applicants must copy and paste this page into a separate document, or recreate the page exactly as it appears. Then, complete the page, save it to your computer and attach it to the "Other Attachments Form," in the Application Package downloaded from Grants.gov, as either a .doc, .rtf or .pdf document. Do not modify or amend the contents of the form in any way. The profile page can be found on page 48 of this instructions document.

HSI Program Assurances: All applicants must provide assurances regarding the percent of Hispanic students enrolled at an institution. By inserting a check mark in the box or an X in front of the box, for item #3, and by providing the required data for items #6 and #7 on the "HSI Program Profile," (see page 48 of this instructions document) an applicant certifies that it will fully comply with the requirements.

Page Limits: The program narrative (Part III of the application) is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. We have established mandatory page limits for both the Individual Development Grant and the Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant applications. You must limit the section of the narrative that addresses the selection criteria to no more than 50 pages for the Individual Development Grant application and 70 pages for the Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant application.

The page limit does not apply to Part I, the application for federal assistance face sheet (SF 424); the supplemental information form required by the Department of Education; Part II, the budget information summary form (ED Form 524); and Part IV, the assurances and certifications. The page limit also does not apply to a table of contents or the program abstract. If you include any attachments or appendices other than those specifically requested, these items will be counted as part of the program narrative (Part III) for purposes of the page limit requirement. You must include your complete response to the selection criteria in the program narrative.

Formatting Requirements: A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only, with 1 inch margins at the top, bottom, and both sides. Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, except titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, captions and all text in charts, tables, and graphs. Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial. Applications submitted in any other font (including Times Roman and Arial Narrow) will not be accepted. Use font size 12.

Program Narrative Instructions

The program narrative shall be attached to the "Project Narrative Attachment Form" in the Application Package, downloaded from Grants.gov.

Before preparing the Program Narrative, applicants should review the program statute, program regulations, the Federal Register Notice, and the Dear Applicant Letter for specific guidance and requirements.

The Secretary evaluates an application according to the broad criteria in 34 CFR 606.22. The Program Narrative should provide in detail the information that addresses each selection criterion. The maximum possible score for each category of selection criterion is indicated in parenthesis. For ease of reading by the reviewers, applicants should follow the sequence of the criteria as provided below. Applications should be written in a concise and clear manner. You must limit the section of the narrative that addresses the selection criteria to no more than 50 pages for the Individual Development Grant application and 70 pages for the Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant application.

Applicants MUST address each of the following HSI selection criteria:

1.	Quality of Comprehensive Development Plan (34 CFR 606.22 (a))	(25 points)		
2.	Quality of Activity Objectives (34 CFR 606.22 (b))	(15 points)		
3.	Quality of Implementation Strategy (34 CFR 606.22 (c))	(20 points)		
4.	Quality of Key Personnel (34 CFR 606.22 (d))	(7 points)		
5.	Quality of Project Management Plan (34 CFR 606.22 (e))	(10points)		
6.	Quality of Evaluation Plan (34 CFR 606.22 (f))	(15 points)		
7.	Quality of Budget (34 CFR 606.22 (g))	(8 points)		
Total Maximum Score for Selection Criteria 100 points				

The following guidance may assist you in addressing the questions that will be used to evaluate your responses to the selection criteria:

- 1. <u>Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) (25 points)</u>: Applicants must identify the strengths, weaknesses and significant problems of the institution's academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability clearly and comprehensively analyzed and identify result from a process that involved major constituencies of the institution as they related to the proposed Title V activity (ies). In addition to the aforementioned, the CDP must also include:
 - a. A delineation of the institution's goals for its academic programs, institutional management and fiscal stability, based on the outcomes of the described analysis as it relates to the proposed Title V activities.
 - b. Measurable objectives related to reaching each goal and timeframes for achieving the objectives.
 - c. Methods and resources that will be used to institutionalize practices and improvements developed under the proposed project.
 - d. The institutions five -year plan specifically addressing the improvement of its services to Hispanic and other low-income-students.
- 2. <u>Activity Objectives (15 points)</u>: For each proposed activity, applicants must identify the objectives for each activity in realistic and defined terms of measurable results and identify the

objectives for each activity related to the problems to be solved and to the goals of the comprehensive development plan.

- **3.** <u>Implementation Strategy and Timetable in Chart Form (20 points)</u>: Applicants must identify the implementation strategy for each activity comprehensively. Applicants must also identify:
 - a. the rationale for the implementation strategy for each activity clearly described and supported by the results of relevant studies or projects; and
 - b. realistic timetable(s) for each activity that is likely to be attained.

<u>Note:</u> Use the budget period of October 1 to September 30 to sequentially identify implementation strategy (ies) to meet the objectives proposed for each year for which funds are requested.

- 4. <u>Key Personnel (7 points)</u>: (For evaluative purposes Key Personnel are defined by the Title V Program Office as any Title V Director/Coordinator and Activity Directors(s)). Applicants must identify that the past experience and training of key professional personnel is directly related to the stated activity objectives and ensures that the time commitment of key personnel is realistic.
- **5. Project Management Plan (10 points):** Applicants must identify the procedures for managing the project that are likely to:
 - a. ensure that the institution will efficiently and effectively implement the project and
 - b. ensure that the project coordinator and activity director(s) have sufficient authority to conduct

the project effectively, including access to the president or chief executive officer.

Note: Do not describe the fiscal and accounting procedures in this section of the narrative.

- **6.** Evaluation Plan (15 points): Applicants must identify the data elements and data collection procedures that clearly:
 - a. describe and are appropriate to measure the attainment of activity objectives;
 - b. measure the success of the project in achieving the goals of the comprehensive development plan; and
 - c. describe data analysis procedures that are likely to produce formative and summative results on attaining activity objectives and measuring the success of the project achieving the goals of the CDP.
- 7. <u>Budget (8 points)</u>: Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed costs are necessary and reasonable in relation to the project's objectives and scope. Further information on the Budget Summary, to be included in the program narrative (to be attached to the "Project Narrative Attachment Form" in the application package in Grants.gov), can be found below.

Budget Summary Form (ED 524) and Budget Narrative Instructions:

NOTE: Applicants must submit (1) a budget information form to categorize requested funds (ED 524) **AND** (2) a detailed budget narrative, as part of the program narrative, to be attached to the "Project Narrative Attachment Form" in the Application Package downloaded from Grants.gov.

For this competition, applicants may receive funding for up to five years. The Department is requesting that you complete the Budget Summary Form (ED Form 524) for the five years and provide <u>a</u> <u>comprehensive and detailed budget narrative</u>, as part of the program narrative, to be attached to the "Project Narrative Attachment Form" in the Application Package downloaded from Grants.gov.

Activity Budgets

As part of the program narrative, to be attached to the "Project Narrative Attachment Form," please provide detailed, itemized budgets for each activity for each year for which grant funds are sought. **If you fail to provide details, we may not be able to determine if the costs of the activities are necessary and reasonable and may disallow such costs.** For all costs, demonstrate that they are reasonable in today's market and necessary to accomplish activity objectives. In particular, you should justify any single cost exceeding \$25,000 – excluding salaries and fringe benefits.

Summary Budget

Using the Summary Budget Form (ED 524), prepare a summary budget for the entire project that totals all the costs by category for each year of the grant. Check for accuracy for all budget totals within an activity budget and between the activity budget(s) and the summary budget. If any inaccuracies occur, the Education Department may choose the lesser of two budget figures and you may lose money that you could have otherwise received.

Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program Profile

<u>INSTRUCTIONS</u>: ALL applicants must complete and submit this profile. You may copy or recreate this form, but do not amend or modify the required information or format. Upon completion, attach this document as a .doc, .rtf or .pdf into Part III of the "Other Attachment Form" of the Grants.gov application package.

1.	Institution/Agency/Organization (Legal N	ame):		
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If:	e you applying as a Branch Campus? yes yes, Branch Campus Name: PE ID	no		Branch Campus #
2.	Applicant Address: All applicants must ind	licate the add	dress where the project	will be located:
	Project Address: City:	State:	Zip:	DUNS#:
3.	By checking this box, or placing an President of the institution certify that the program standards, and program assurant PART 606.	e IHE will c	omply with the statut	ory requirements,
4.	Participating Institutions in a Cooperativ	e Arrangen	nent:	
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6.	Institutional Assurance Statistics: See the HSI Assurance Instructions. Enter information			
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Total Hispanic Enrollment Count: Hispanic Low-Income Student Count: Undergraduate FTE Hispanic Percent: Hispanic Low-Income Percent:

7. Eligibility Documentation

INSTRUCTIONS: Please provide us with the documentation the institution relied upon in determining that at least 25 percent of the institution's undergraduate FTE students are Hispanic, and at least 50 percent of the enrolled Hispanic students are low-income individuals.

Application Checklist

<u>Use This Checklist While Preparing Your Application Package</u>: All items listed on this checklist are required.

	cation for Federal Assistance (SF 424) – Completed in the Application Package in Grants.gov		
Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424 – Completed in the Application Package found in Grants.gov			
Department of Education Budget Information Non-Construction Programs Form - (ED 524) – Completed in the Application Package found in Grants.gov			
One-Page Program Abstract – Attached to the "ED Abstract Form" in the Application Package found in Grants.gov			
Program Narrative – Attached to the "Project Narrative Attachment Form" in the Application Package found in Grants.gov			
Budget Narrative – Attached to the "Budget Narrative Attachment Form" in the Application Package found in Grants.gov			
Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program Profile – Attached to the "Other Attachments Form" in the Application Package found in Grants.gov			
Assurances and Certifications – Completed in the Application Package found in Grants.gov			
	Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B)		
	Grants.gov Lobbying Form (formerly Certification Regarding Lobbying ED 80-0013)		
	Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)		
	Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions (ED 80-0014)		
	Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants		
	ED GEPA427 Form		